



The Christian Flame

November-December 2023

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The mission of the United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Nehemiah 8:10 “Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet,” he said to them, “and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our LORD. Don’t be sad, because the joy from the LORD is your strength!”

Sisters and brothers of Freeport/Trinity/Brackenridge, this is a joyous time of year.

These words from the book of Nehemiah were read by Ezra, the priest and scribe, to the Hebrew people after the approximately 70-year Babylonian Captivity. The intent was to reestablish God’s people as a holy nation and to lead them once again into the instruction of Moses which was given to him by the Lord God. One of the roles of Nehemiah as governor of the people was to support the worship life of the community, part of which was to help the people understand how they were to properly celebrate the Feasts of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles always fell at the time when the Fall harvest was completed in the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. The celebration was a time of joy in God’s continued provision for them in the current harvest. It also remembered God’s provision and protection during the 40 years in the wilderness as they lived in temporary tabernacles and experienced God’s miracles of *the bread from heaven called manna, the water from a rock and the shoes that never wore thin as well as manifold more provision.*

Siblings in Christ, our pilgrimage here on this earth until the return of Christ the King is a type of wilderness journey. Yet at this very time, our pilgrimage is an adventure of liberation. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. Jesus has atoned for our sins once and for all that will come to know Him.

In this day, we celebrate in thanksgiving to God, remembering all of God’s provision and protection of past years for each one of us in even miraculous ways. We gain strength in the knowledge of Jesus our Christ, Emmanuel in current presence, Who is come into the world to see us through to the complete fruition of our liberation in heavenly realms. During which time of pilgrimage God yet provides and will continue in future provisions. There is a joy in the Lord’s salvation!

Let us rejoice and again rejoice during this holiday season and let us be encouraged to spread the joy to others. To family, friends, and others, let us become broken bread and poured out wine in our giving back to God for God’s abundant provision to each of us.

For the joy of the Lord is our strength!
Blessings of Great Joy,
Pastor Diane



Holiday Country Store



The **HOLIDAY COUNTRY STORE** will be held **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4** from **10AM-2PM**. This annual event is planned and organized by the Heavenly Hands Crafters who have met every week since February creating items to sell to support our Trinity United Methodist Church. In addition to the many crafts, there will be the Bake Sale, homemade soup, and food available from the Trinity Country Kitchen. After shopping at our various stations, enjoy a hearty lunch from our Eat-in/Take-out Menu.

Soup by the Quart: Beef Vegetable, Stuffed Pepper, Wedding, and Broccoli Cheese

We hope that you will join us on November 4 and not only shop and eat but enjoy fellowship with family and friends. A **BIG TRINITY WELCOME** and **THANK YOU** to all our **FRIENDS** and **VOLUNTEERS**. God be with you, The Heavenly Hands Crafters

Eat-in/Take-out Menu

Sandwiches

- Betty Lou's Ham BBQS
- Italian Sweet Sausage
- Kielbasa & Kraut
- Hot Dogs and Kraut

Sides

- Haluski
- Cheesy Potatoes

Desserts

- Brownie
- Slice of Pie
- Pumpkin Bread Pudding

November 5th : 9:00 am Trinity Morning Service John Lutman

November 12th: 9:00 am Trinity Morning Service Gayla Wilson

November 19th: 9:00 am Trinity Morning Service Megan Campbell

November 26th: 9:00 am Trinity Morning Service Amanda Bartel

December 10th: 10:00am Grace Morning Service Bell Cantata lead by Linda Schaefer.

12:30pm Grace Christmas Music presented by Tony Buccicone of AK Music and his Guitar Christmas Recital. Parking in the rear.

3:00pm Piano/ Voice Christmas Recital presented by Halleran/Ryniec Studio. Parking in the rear.

December 17th: 10:00am Grace Rev Darlene Ryniec with Ken Ryniec & Dmitri Koval, Grace Special Music. Parking in the rear



The red kettles and ringing bells of The Salvation Army are a familiar part of the Christmas season. The Salvation Army has a strong link to Methodism. The organization was founded in 1860's England by British Methodist preacher William Booth, a pastor in London who sought to bring the lost souls, the poor, hungry and homeless to Christ. Today, the kettles raise more than 100 million dollars each year to provide food, shelter, and disaster relief and The Salvation Army continues in the Wesleyan tradition to serve physical and spiritual needs in 128 countries around the world. *From <https://www.umc.org/en/content/methodist-history-the-salvation-army>*



You Can Help Create a Beautiful Worship Environment

Submitted by Karen Fazio

The Worship Committee wants to welcome all to our church family tradition of Hanging of the Greens. It is a great start for kicking off the holiday season.

Please join us after the church service on November 19th as we decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season.

Everyone can help us beautify the church for the Holy Holiday Season! The renewed church youth group has volunteered to decorate the Narthex.

Sunday School will decorate classrooms. The rest of us are needed to decorate the Sanctuary, Social Hall, Parlor, Choir Room, Hallways, Bulletin Boards, and outside the building.

Ask or call Karen Fazio 412-266-5626 with any questions. Hope to see you all there.

The Worship Committee welcomes everyone to decorate the altar for Christmas with the purchase of beautiful red poinsettias. Poinsettias will be arranged on the altar for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

You can purchase plants individually, as a dedication in honor of someone, or in memory of a loved one. Cost for poinsettias is \$12.00. In lieu of a poinsettia you may donate to the Noah Fund ("rainy day" monies to meet unexpected and emergency needs). Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 12. Please include cash or checks made out to TUMC with your order form.



2023 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Cost \$12.00 each. Check or cash due with order. **Write Poinsettias on the check and envelope please.** All orders due by Sunday, December 12, 2022. Please pick up your flowers after Christmas Sunday worship.

Name of Donors Telephone Number

Check off one of the following: Poinsettia on the Altar Donation to Noah Fund

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number of plants ordered: _____ @ \$12.00 each _____ Total Enclosed

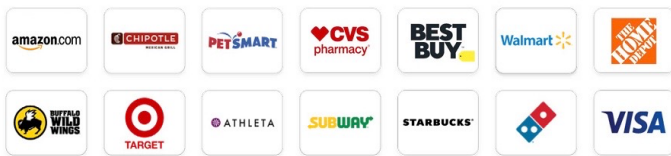
\$ _____ Noah Fund Donation in lieu of a poinsettia

SCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING

Submitted by Colleen Rudolph

Colleen will be sending in a scrip order for November and December if we have enough people interested. Order forms will be in the narthex and should be turned in by the 2nd Sunday of each month. Orders will be delivered on the 3rd Sunday of the month. For those of you who are not familiar with this, scrip is an easy fundraising project. It is the sale of gift cards that you use every day instead of cash or credit cards for groceries, gas, dining out, etc. as well as using as gifts. Each retailer immediately gives us a percentage of the card purchased, and there is no extra cost to you. If you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00, and your card is worth \$25.00. However, the church receives a percentage of that \$25.00 from the retailer. There are hundreds of gift cards available on the order form, but you can also go online and see many more. www.raiseright.com.

Shop 750+ top brands for everything on your list



Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday November 5

Turn your clocks back 1 hour when you go to bed Saturday 11/4. That will give you an extra hour of sleep. (Wake well rested for a great worship experience Sunday Morning!)



8 WEEK STUDY
ON THE
BEATITUDES
MATTHEW 5-7

10-1130 AM
Thursday
Oct 26
Nov 2, 9, 16, 30
Dec 7, 14, 21



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Grace United Methodist Church

BE NOT ONLY HEARERS OF THE WORD...
LIVE THE LOVE...
EXTEND THE GRACE...
NOTICE THE NEED...
CHANGE THE WORLD...

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Michele Marshall | 6 Shelley Eberle | 15 Erica Collins |
| 1 Kelly Robinson, | 8 Billie Godlewski | 16 Sandra Wilhelm |
| 3 Devan Chapman | 8 Kristin Wildi | 29 Gabielle Collins, |
| 3 Christine Spencer | 8 Jan Witucki | 29 Connor Dlubak, |
| 4 Sarah Connolly | 10 Sharon Rankin | |
| 5 Robin Robinson | 11 George Faltot | |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Alan Acre | 13 Matthew Snebold | 22 Cadence Schrag |
| 1 John Graham | 14 Pamela Metzler | 22 Pegi Woodman |
| 1 Benita Horger | 15 Eileen Reckhart | 25 Madelyn Skursky |
| 6 Timothy Cornuet, Jr. | 17 Lorri Wildi | 25 Mary Carol Stitt |
| 8 Kathryn Lydick | 18 Evelyn Callender | 26 Margie Freehling |
| 11 James Gezo | 18 Adriane Homa | 30 Caden Callender |
| 12 Matthew Fannie | 20 Carol Wildi | 30 Alyce Dunn |
| 12 Dianne Schmitt | 21 Dominic Ruediger | |
| 13 Brian Alter | 21 Beth Sarver | |

If we missed your birthday, please contact Colleen Rudolph at trinitybrackenridge@gmail.com




As a church family, we recognize and honor the saints, mentors, examples, and care providers who have shown us and encouraged us on the path of faith.

Donations have been received for All Saints' Day in memory of Harold & Vivian Meanor, Howard & Ernestine Sarver, Mildred Meanor, Elaine & Jerry Sarver and David Graham by Howard & Beth Sarver And in memory of Joseph Witucki by his wife, Irene Witucki


In Honor and Memory

The following donation has been received:
In Memory of:


Jerry Robinson given by Bonnie Robinson

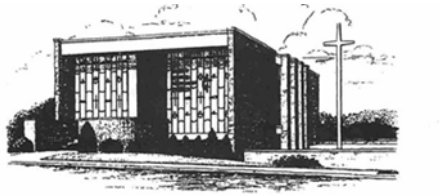


November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2PM Disciple III Class 8PM A.A./AI-Anon	2 6 PM Education Meeting	3	4 10 AM NA
5 ALL SAINTS DAY 9 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School	6 6 PM Disciple I Class 6 PM Free Martial Arts	7 9AM Heavenly Crafters	8 2 PM Disciple III Class 6:30 PM PSPR Meeting 8 PM A.A./AI-Anon	9 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 Admin Council	10 6 PM Girl Scouts	11 10 AM NA
12 9 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School	13 6 PM Disciple I Class 6 PM Martial Arts 6:30PM Trustees	14 9AM Heavenly Crafters	15 2 PM Disciple III Class 8 PM A.A./AI-Anon	16	17	18 10 AM NA
19 9 AM Worship 10 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Hanging of the Greens	20 6 PM Disciple I Class 6 PM Martial Arts 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting	21 9AM Heavenly Crafters	22 2 PM Disciple III Class 8 PM A.A./AI-Anon	23 	24 6 PM Girl Scouts	25 10 AM NA
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- 9:00am **Trinity** Sunday Morning Christmas Eve with Rev Darlene Ryniec preaching.
- 4:00pm **Grace** Christmas Eve Worship Service with Pastor Diane Randolph preaching.
- 6:00pm **Freepoint** Christmas Eve Service with Bell Choir and Pastor Diane Randolph preaching.
- 8:00pm **Trinity** Christmas Eve Service with Pastor Diane Randolph preaching.

Christmas Eve December 24th

